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SUBJ: MED-FLY PREVENTION PROGRAM

1. USG HAS NOT MADE ANY COMMITMENTS TO GOM FOR FUNDING OR PERSONNEL FOR MED-FLY CONTROL PROGRAM. DURING VISIT OF FORMER SECRETARY BUTZ IN AUGUST DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SANIDAD VEGETAL, DR. ORTEGA CANTERO, MADE PERSONAL APPEAL TO SECRETARY BUTZ FOR EARLY ACTION ON BUDGET REQUEST TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE. SECRETARY NONCOMMITTAL BUT ASSURED DR. ORTEGA THAT USDA CONSIDERED JOINT PEST CONTROL EFFORTS VERY IMPORTANT AREA OF MUTUAL BENEFIT. DR. ORTEGA ALSO INDICATED THAT GUATEMALAN CONTROL EFFORTS WERE LAGGING AND THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO IMPLEMENT JOINT AGREEMENT WITH GUATEMALA (SEE GUATEMALA 6834 OF NOV 1975) AS EFFECTIVELY AS GOM HAD DESIRED.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MED-FLY HAS BEEN DETECTED SOME 18 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF MEXICAN BORDER AND SPREAD TO MEXICO MAY BE IMMINENT. GOM OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT ANNUAL CROP LOSSES IN MEXICO FROM MEDFLY COULD BE TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS AND VALUE OF EXPORTS AFFECTED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY MILLION DOLLARS. IN VIEW OF SERIOUS NATURE OF PEST AND INCREASING THREAT TO US PRODUCERS WE HOPE THAT

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MODE AND BUDGET PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED PROMPTLY AS INDICATED

REFTEL.

3. PLEASE INCLUDE AMCONSULATE MONTERREY IN FUTURE MESSAGES ON THIS
SUBJECT.
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